



## **41 U.S. Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Agency Veterans Challenge the Official Account of 9/11**

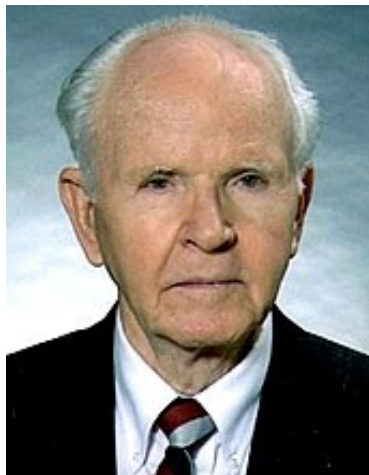
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*Official Account of 9/11: "Terribly Flawed," "Laced with Contradictions," "a Joke," "a Cover-up"*

May 18, 2009 – More than 40 U.S. Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Agency veterans have severely criticized the official account of 9/11 and most have called for a new investigation. It is outrageous that most Americans are entirely unaware of their publicly stated concerns -- a direct result of the refusal of national print and broadcast news organizations to cover this extremely important issue. There is no denying the credibility of these individuals or their loyalty to their country as demonstrated by their years of service collecting and analyzing information and planning and carrying out operations critical to the national security of the United States.

These 41 individuals formerly served in the U.S. State Department, the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the branches of the U.S. Military. They are listed below by their branch of service.

### **U.S. State Department**



**Terrell E. Arnold, MA**

**Terrell E. Arnold, MA** – Former Deputy Director of Counter-Terrorism and Emergency Planning, U.S. State Department. Mr. Arnold is a leading expert on terrorism and counter-terrorism and the author of several books on the subjects. In an extensive article in July 2007, Mr. Arnold wrote, "Washington leadership keeps the American people fixated on the events of 9/11. They have brought us no closer than we were on September 12, 2001, to resolving how it was executed and by what enemy. They tell us repeatedly that it was the work of al Qaida, but they have yet to show us the proofs. They told us the official version of what happened that day, but their story is laced with contradictions, and the facts visible on the ground at the time belie much of the official account. ... As an alleged post 9/11 defense, the War on Terrorism is a gigantic fraud."<sup>1</sup>

When asked in an interview in February 2009, why he doubted the official account of 9/11, Mr. Arnold responded, "The nature of events in New York. The buildings falling down. I'm not satisfied by the notion that planes hitting buildings constructed as these would have caused them to collapse. The last building to fall was not even attacked. ... The sheer mechanics of the event. The chances of two buildings of that height and structure merely collapsing in their own footprint are extremely slim." He also stated, "There is a lot of work in getting sixteen people ready to commit voluntary and simultaneous suicide. The case has not been made. The official story is not persuasive because it does not address the real issues of complexity."<sup>2</sup> Mr. Arnold's doubts about the collapse of the WTC towers is shared by William Christison, former Director of Regional and Political Analysis at the CIA, and others as described below.



**Angelo Codevilla, PhD**

**Angelo Codevilla, PhD** – Former U.S. State Department Foreign Service officer specializing in U.S. intelligence operations in Western Europe. Member of President-elect Ronald Reagan's State Department transition team and principal author of the team's report on intelligence. Former Staff Member, U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee dealing with oversight of the intelligence services 1977 - 1985. Former U.S. Navy officer. Currently Vice Chairman of the U.S. Army War College Board of Visitors.

In March 2009, Dr. Codevilla wrote, "Seven years after Osama bin Laden's last verifiable appearance among the living, there is more evidence for Elvis's presence among us than for his. Hence there is reason to ask whether the paradigm of Osama bin Laden as terrorism's deus ex machina and of al Qaeda as the prototype of terrorism may be an artifact of our Best and Brightest's imagination, and whether investment in this paradigm has kept our national security establishment from thinking seriously about our troubles' sources. So let us take a fresh look at the fundamentals.

"Negative evidence alone compels the conclusion that Osama is long since dead. Since October 2001, when Al Jazeera's Tayseer Alouni interviewed him, no reputable person reports having seen him—not even after multiple-blind journeys through intermediaries. The audio and video tapes alleged to be Osama's never convinced impartial observers. The guy just does not look like Osama. Some videos show him with a Semitic aquiline nose, while others show him with a shorter, broader one. Next to that, differences between colors and styles of beard are small stuff.

"Nor does the tapes' Osama sound like Osama. In 2007 Switzerland's Dalle Molle Institute for Artificial Intelligence, which does computer voice recognition for bank security, compared the voices on 15 undisputed recordings of Osama with the voices on 15 subsequent ones attributed to Osama, to which they added two by native Arab speakers who had trained to imitate him and were reading his writings. All of the purported Osama recordings (with one falling into a gray area) differed clearly from one another as well as from the genuine ones. By contrast, the CIA found all the recordings authentic. It is hard to imagine what methodology might support this conclusion."<sup>3</sup>



**Edward Peck**

**Edward Peck** – Former Deputy Coordinator, Covert Intelligence Programs, U.S. State Department. He later served as Deputy Director of the White House Task Force on Terrorism under President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Peck, a 32-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service, also served as U.S. Ambassador and Chief of Mission in Iraq 1977 - 1980.

In October 2004, soon after the release of the [9/11 Commission Report](#), Mr. Peck and over 100 prominent Americans signed a petition urging Congress to immediately reinvestigate 9/11. The signers included former senior CIA officials, Raymond McGovern and Melvin Goodman, mentioned below, and three former State Department veterans not mentioned in this article: Daniel Ellsberg; Fred Burks, a former interpreter for Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton; and retired career Foreign Service officer Michael Springmann. The petition stated, in part:

“We want truthful answers to questions such as:

1. Why were standard operating procedures for dealing with hijacked airliners not followed that day?
2. Why were the extensive missile batteries and air defenses reportedly deployed around the Pentagon not activated during the attack?
3. Why did the Secret Service allow Bush to complete his elementary school visit, apparently unconcerned about his safety or that of the schoolchildren?
4. Why hasn't a single person been fired, penalized, or reprimanded for the gross incompetence we witnessed that day?
5. Why haven't authorities in the U.S. and abroad published the results of multiple investigations into trading that strongly suggested foreknowledge of specific details of the 9/11 attacks, resulting in tens of millions of dollars of traceable gains?”<sup>4</sup>

These questions and many others still remain unanswered more than four years after the petition was submitted and more than seven years after the terrible events of 9/11.

### **National Security Agency**



**Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski**

A Pentagon eye-witness and a former member of the staff of the Director of the National Security Agency, **Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski, PhD**, U.S. Air Force (ret), is a severe critic of the official account of 9/11. A contributing author to the 2006 book [9/11 and American Empire: Intellectuals Speak Out](#), edited by David Ray Griffin and Peter Dale Scott, she wrote, “I believe the [9/11] Commission failed to deeply examine the topic at hand, failed to apply scientific rigor to its assessment of events leading up to and including 9/11, failed to produce a believable and unbiased summary of what happened, failed to fully examine why it happened, and even failed to include a set of unanswered questions for future research.”

She continued, “It is as a scientist that I have the most trouble with the official government conspiracy theory, mainly because it does not satisfy the rules of probability or physics. The collapses of the World Trade Center buildings clearly violate the laws of probability and physics.”

Lt. Col. Kwiatkowski was working in the Pentagon on 9/11 in her capacity as Political-Military Affairs officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense when Flight 77 allegedly hit the Pentagon. She wrote:

“There was a dearth of visible debris on the relatively unmarked lawn, where I stood only minutes after the impact. Beyond this strange absence of airliner debris, there was no sign of the kind of damage to the Pentagon structure one would expect from the impact of a large airliner. This visible evidence or lack thereof may also have been apparent to the Secretary of Defense [Donald Rumsfeld], who in an unfortunate slip of the tongue

referred to the aircraft that slammed into the Pentagon as a 'missile.' <sup>5</sup> ... [Secretary Rumsfeld also publicly referred to Flight 93, which allegedly crashed into the ground near Shanksville, PA, as the plane that was 'shot down' over Pennsylvania. <sup>6</sup>]

"I saw nothing of significance at the point of impact - no airplane metal or cargo debris was blowing on the lawn in front of the damaged building as smoke billowed from within the Pentagon. ... [A]ll of us staring at the Pentagon that morning were indeed looking for such debris, but what we expected to see was not evident.

"The same is true with regard to the kind of damage we expected. ... But I did not see this kind of damage. Rather, the facade had a rather small hole, no larger than 20 feet in diameter. Although this facade later collapsed, it remained standing for 30 or 40 minutes, with the roof line remaining relatively straight.

"The scene, in short, was not what I would have expected from a strike by a large jetliner. It was, however, exactly what one would expect if a missile had struck the Pentagon. ... More information is certainly needed regarding the events of 9/11 and the events leading up to that terrible day." <sup>7</sup>



**Maj. John M. Newman, PhD**, U.S. Army (ret) – Former Executive Assistant to the Director of the National Security Agency. At a 2005 Congressional briefing he said, "It falls to me this morning to bring to your attention the story of Saeed Sheikh, whose full name is Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, and his astonishing rise to power in Al Qaeda, his crucial role in 9/11, which is completely, utterly, missing from the 9/11 Commission report ...

"The 9/11 Commission which studied US intelligence and law enforcement community performance in great detail, (maybe not so much great detail, but they did), neglected to cover the community's performance during the weeks following the attacks to determine who was responsible for them, not a word about that in the Report.

**Maj. John M. Newman**

"The Report does discuss the immediate US responses but the immediate investigation is never addressed, and anyone who has closely studied the post-9/11 investigation knows that the first breakthrough came two weeks into the investigation when the money transfers from the United Arab Emirates to the hijackers were uncovered.

"Furthermore, if you have studied that investigation, you know there is no disputing that while investigators may have struggled with the identity of the paymaster, they were clear about one thing, he was Al Qaeda's finance chief. For this reason alone you have to ask why the 9/11 Commission Report never mentions the finance chief's role as the 9/11 paymaster." <sup>8</sup>

Despite the general knowledge since October 2001, even reported in the *Wall Street Journal* <sup>9</sup>, that Omar Saeed Sheikh wired more than \$100,000 to Mohamed Atta under instructions from General Mahmud Ahmed, the head of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the 9/11 Commission Report states, "The 9/11 plotters eventually spent somewhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000 to plan and conduct their attack. ... The origin of the funds remains unknown ...." and "Similarly, we have seen no evidence that any foreign government -- or government official -- supplied any funding."



## **Central Intelligence Agency**



**Raymond McGovern**

Seven CIA veterans have severely criticized the official account of 9/11 and have called for a new investigation. “I think at simplest terms, there’s a cover-up. The 9/11 Report is a joke,” <sup>10</sup> said **Raymond McGovern**, 27-year veteran of the CIA, who chaired National Intelligence Estimates during the 1970’s. “There are a whole bunch of unanswered questions. And the reason they’re unanswered is because this [Bush] administration will not answer the questions.” McGovern, who is also the founder of VIPS (Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity), is one of many signers of the petition to reinvestigate 9/11, mentioned above.

During his 27-year CIA career, McGovern personally delivered intelligence briefings to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, their Vice Presidents, Secretaries of State, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and many other senior government officials. Upon retirement in 1990, McGovern was awarded the CIA’s Intelligence Commendation Medallion and received a letter of appreciation from then-President George H. W. Bush. However, McGovern returned the award <sup>11</sup> in 2006 in protest of the George W. Bush Administration’s advocacy and use of torture.

In his endorsement of [\*9/11 and American Empire: Intellectuals Speak Out\*](#), edited by David Ray Griffin and Peter Dale Scott, McGovern wrote, “It has long been clear that the Bush-Cheney administration cynically exploited the attacks of 9/11 to promote its imperial designs. But the present volume confronts us with evidence for an even more disturbing conclusion: that the 9/11 attacks were themselves orchestrated by this administration precisely so they could be thus exploited. If this is true, it is not merely the case, as the Downing Street memos show, that the stated reason for attacking Iraq was a lie. It is also the case that the whole ‘war on terror’ was based on a prior deception. This book hence confronts the American people---indeed the people of the world as a whole---with an issue second to none in importance and urgency. I give this book, which in no way can be dismissed as the ravings of ‘paranoid conspiracy theorists,’ my highest possible recommendation.” <sup>12</sup>

Mr. McGovern is not alone in referring to the 9/11 Commission Report as a “joke.” William Christison, former Director of Regional and Political Analysis at the CIA, also called the report “a joke”. Nor is Mr. McGovern alone in referring to it as “a cover-up.” Melvin Goodman, former Division Chief of the CIA’s Office of Soviet Affairs, also called it a “cover-up.” (see below)



**William Christison**

**William Christison**, a 29-year CIA veteran, former National Intelligence Officer (NIO) and former Director of the CIA’s Office of Regional and Political Analysis describes the 9/11 Commission Report as a “joke” and offers even more outspoken criticism. In a 2006 podcast interview by George Kenney of *Electric Politics*, Christison said, “We very seriously need an entirely new very high level and truly independent investigation of the events of 9/11. I think you almost have to look at the 9/11 Commission Report as a joke and not a serious piece of analysis at all.” <sup>13</sup>

Christison is a member of the [\*Scientific Panel Investigating Nine-Eleven\*](#), an organization that states, “We have found solid

scientific grounds on which to question the interpretation put upon the events of September 11, 2001, by the Office of the President of the United States of America and subsequently propagated by the major media of western nations.”<sup>14</sup>

In his 2007 endorsement of David Ray Griffin’s book, [\*Debunking 9/11 Debunking\*](#), Christison wrote, “[There’s] a strong body of evidence showing the official U.S. Government story of what happened on September 11, 2001, to be almost certainly a monstrous series of lies.”<sup>15</sup> And in an online essay in late 2006, he wrote, “I have come to believe that significant parts of the [alternative] 9/11 theories are true, and that therefore significant parts of the “official story” put out by the U.S. government and the 9/11 Commission are false. I now think there is persuasive evidence that the events of September did not unfold as the Bush administration and the 9/11 Commission would have us believe. ... An airliner almost certainly did not hit The Pentagon. ... The North and South Towers of the World Trade Center almost certainly did not collapse and fall to earth because hijacked aircraft hit them.”<sup>16</sup>

Prior to his retirement from the CIA in 1979, Christison served as Director of the CIA's Office of Regional and Political Analysis overseeing 200 analysts who collected intelligence and provided analysis on all regions and every country in the world. Prior to that, he served as one of only a handful of National Intelligence Officers (NIO) in the intelligence community. NIO's are responsible for the intelligence community efforts in a particular subject area of national security and are the principal advisors to the Director of Central Intelligence.



**Melvin Goodman, PhD**

**Melvin Goodman, PhD**, is another former senior CIA official who calls the 9/11 Commission Report a “cover-up” and who signed the petition to reinvestigate 9/11. Goodman served as Division Chief of the CIA’s Office of Soviet Affairs and Senior Analyst from 1966 - 1990. He also served as Professor of International Security at the National War College 1986 - 2004.

In testimony before a 2005 Congressional briefing on the 9/11 Commission Report, Goodman said, “This is an important examination of a 9/11 Commission that was an historic opportunity that was missed and a 9/11 Commission study that is terribly flawed. ...

“I think the 9/11 Commission has taught me that we need to be extremely rigorous and extremely tenacious in pursuing that truth, because there is a corporate mentality in this country that is working against allowing the truth to surface, even in tragedies, such as the 9/11 tragedy. ...



**Robert Baer**

“I want to talk about the [9/11] Commission itself, about the flawed process of the Commission and finally about the conflict of interest within the Commission that is extremely important to understand the failure of the Commission. ... The final report is ultimately a cover-up. I don't know how else to describe it.”<sup>17</sup> Goodman is senior fellow and director of the National Security Program at the Center for International Policy and adjunct professor of government at Johns Hopkins University.

**Robert Baer** is another well-known CIA veteran who has questioned the official account of 9/11. A 21-year CIA veteran and specialist in the Middle East, Baer was awarded the Career

Intelligence Medal upon his retirement in 1997. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh wrote that Baer “was considered perhaps the best on-the-ground field officer in the Middle East.”<sup>18</sup> After retirement, Baer wrote two best-selling non-fiction books about the CIA; *See No Evil* and *Sleeping with the Devil*, the former serving as the basis for the Academy Award-winning movie *Syriana*, starring George Clooney. Baer was also the writer and on-camera commentator for the Emmy Award-nominated documentary *Cult of the Suicide Bomber*.

Baer has repeatedly questioned whether al-Qaida could have accomplished 9/11 alone. In a 2002 essay for *The Guardian*, Baer wrote, “Did bin Laden act alone, through his own al-Qaida network, in launching the attacks? About that I’m far more certain and emphatic: no.”<sup>19</sup>

In 2006, during a radio interview by Thom Hartmann, Baer, after commenting on the financial profits being made from 9/11, was asked: “What about political profit? There are those who suggest that ... someone in that chain of command ... had pretty good knowledge that 9/11 was going to happen -- and really didn’t do much to stop it -- or even obstructed efforts to stop it because they thought it would lend legitimacy to Bush’s ... failing presidency.” Baer replied: “Absolutely.” Hartmann then asked, “So you are personally of the opinion ... that there was an aspect of ‘inside job’ to 9/11 within the U.S. government?” To which Baer replied, “There is that possibility, the evidence points at it.” When Hartmann continued, “And why is it not being investigated?” Baer replied, “Why isn’t the WMD story being investigated? Why hasn’t anybody been held accountable for 9/11? We held people accountable after Pearl Harbor. Why has there been no change in command? Why have there been no political repercussions? Why has there been no -- any sort of exposure on this? It really makes you wonder.”<sup>20</sup>

And in February 2008, Baer wrote, “There are enough discrepancies and unanswered questions in the 9/11 Commission Report that under a friendly administration, the 9/11 investigation should be re-opened.”<sup>21</sup>

In his endorsement of the revised and updated edition of David Ray Griffin’s [Debunking 9/11 Debunking](#), Baer wrote, “Until we get a complete, honest, transparent investigation--not one based on ‘confession’ extracted by torture--we will never know what happened on 9/11.”<sup>22</sup>

“I am forced to conclude that 9/11 was at a minimum allowed to happen as a pretext for war,” wrote well-known intelligence analyst **Robert David Steele** in 2006 in a review of the book, [9/11 Synthetic Terror](#) by Webster Tarpley. Steele is the author of numerous books on the intelligence services and is currently the CEO of OSS.net, a proponent of Open Source Intelligence. Steele has 25 years of combined service in the CIA and the U.S. Marine Corps. He also served as the second ranking civilian (GS-14) in U.S. Marine Corps Intelligence from 1988 - 1992 and was a member of the adjunct faculty of Marine Corps University. Steele continued, “I have to tell anyone who cares to read this: I believe it. I believe it enough to want a full investigation that passes the smell test of the 9/11 families as well as objective outside observers.”<sup>23</sup>



**Robert David Steele**

In a subsequent interview on the *Alex Jones Show*, Steele said, “The U.S. government did not properly investigate this [9/11] and there are more rocks to be turned over,” and added, “I’m absolutely certain that WTC 7 was brought down by controlled demolition and that, as far as I’m concerned, means that this case has not been properly investigated. There’s no way that building could have come down without controlled demolition.”<sup>24</sup>

On September 14, 2004, a group of 25 military, intelligence service and law enforcement veterans sent a joint letter to Congress expressing their concerns about “serious shortcomings,” “omissions,” and “major flaws” in the 9/11 Commission Report and offering their services for a new investigation. Their letter was apparently entirely ignored. Among the signers were four CIA veterans; Raymond McGovern and Melvin Goodman (both mentioned above) and David MacMichael and Lynn Larkin.



**David MacMichael, PhD** – Former Senior Estimates Officer at the CIA with special responsibility for western hemisphere affairs at the CIA's National Intelligence Council. Prior to joining the CIA, he served as a U.S. Marine Corps officer for ten years and for four years as a counter-insurgency advisor to the government.

**Lynne Larkin** – Former CIA Operations Officer who served in several CIA foreign stations before being assigned to the CIA's Counter-Intelligence Center. There, she co-chaired a multi-agency task force, which, among other functions, provided direction to other federal agencies for coordinating intelligence efforts among the many intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

**David MacMichael, PhD**

Their letter read: “[W]e the undersigned wish to bring to the attention of the Congress and the people of the United States what we believe are serious shortcomings in the report and its recommendations. ...

“Omission is one of the major flaws in the Commission’s report. We are aware of significant issues and cases that were duly reported to the commission by those of us with direct knowledge, but somehow escaped attention. ...

“The omission of such serious and applicable issues and information by itself renders the report flawed, and casts doubt on the validity of many of its recommendations. ...

“The Commission, with its incomplete report of “facts and circumstances”, intentional avoidance of assigning accountability, and disregard for the knowledge, expertise and experience of those who actually do the job, has now set about pressuring our Congress and our nation to hastily implement all its recommendations. ...

“We the undersigned, who have worked within various government agencies (FBI, CIA, FAA, DIA, Customs) responsible for national security and public safety, call upon you in Congress to include the voices of those with first-hand knowledge and expertise in the important issues at hand. We stand ready to do our part.” <sup>25</sup>



## **Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Nine FBI veterans were among the 25 military, intelligence services, and law enforcement veterans who signed the above-mentioned September 14, 2004, letter to Congress challenging the 9/11 Commission Report and requesting a new investigation into 9/11.



**Edward J. Costello, Jr.**

**Edward J. Costello, Jr.** – Former Special Agent, Counterespionage, FBI. Former Judge pro tem., Los Angeles, CA.

**John M. Cole** – Former Intelligence Operations Specialist, in the FBI's Counterintelligence Division. In charge of FBI's foreign intelligence investigations covering India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. 18-year FBI career. Mr. Cole currently works as a senior counterintelligence analyst.



**John M. Cole**

**Sibel D. Edmonds** – Witness before the 9/11 Commission. Former Language Translation Specialist, performing translations for counterterrorism and counterintelligence operations, FBI. She is founder and president of the [National Security Whistleblowers Coalition](#).

In a personal letter to the 9/11 Commission in August 2004, Ms. Edmonds wrote, "I find your report seriously flawed in its failure to address serious intelligence issues that I am aware of, which have been confirmed, and which as a witness to the commission, I made you aware of. Thus, I must assume that other serious issues that I am not aware of were in the same manner omitted from your report. These omissions cast doubt on the validity of your report and therefore on its conclusions and recommendations." <sup>26</sup>

**Rosemary N. Dew** – Former Supervisory Special Agent, Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence, FBI. Former member of The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) and the Electronic Commerce/Cyber Crime Working Group. 13-year FBI career.



**Sibel D. Edmonds**

**Gilbert M. Graham** – Retired Special Agent, who served in the FBI's Washington Field Office Counterintelligence Division. 24-year FBI career.

**Behrooz Sarshar** – Witness before the 9/11 Commission. Retired Language Translation Specialist, performing Farsi translations for counterterrorism and counterintelligence operations dealing with Iran and Afghanistan, FBI.



**Rosemary N. Dew**

**Jane A. Turner** – Retired Special Agent, FBI. 24-year FBI career.

**John B. Vincent** – Retired Special Agent, Counterterrorism, FBI. 27-year FBI career.

**Fred Whitehurst, JD, PhD** – Retired Supervisory Special Agent / Laboratory Forensic Examiner, FBI. 16-year FBI career. Former U.S. Army Intelligence Officer.



**Jane A. Turner**



**John B. Vincent**



**Fred Whitehurst, JD, PhD**



**Coleen Rowley**

Other FBI veterans have independently spoken out about their concerns with the official account of 9/11.

**Coleen Rowley** – Former Special Agent and Minneapolis Division Counsel, FBI. 24-year FBI career. Agent Rowley was selected one of *Time Magazine's* three [2002 Persons of the Year](#) for revealing FBI headquarters' efforts to “throw up roadblocks and undermine” FBI field investigations of al-Qaida operatives in the four weeks prior to 9/11.

On May 21, 2002, Agent Rowley sent a 13-page letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller stating, “The fact is that key FBIHQ personnel whose job it was to assist and coordinate with field division agents on terrorism investigations and the obtaining and use of FISA searches (and who theoretically were privy to many more sources of intelligence information than field division agents), continued to, almost inexplicably, throw up roadblocks and undermine Minneapolis' by-now desperate efforts to obtain a FISA search warrant, long after the French intelligence service provided its information and probable cause became clear. HQ personnel brought up almost ridiculous questions in their apparent efforts to undermine the probable cause. ...

"When, in a desperate 11th hour measure to bypass the FBIHQ roadblock, the Minneapolis Division undertook to directly notify the CIA's Counter Terrorist Center (CTC), FBIHQ personnel actually chastised the Minneapolis agents for making the direct notification without their approval ...

"I know I shouldn't be flippant about this, but jokes were actually made that the key FBIHQ personnel had to be spies or moles, like Robert Hansen, who were actually working for Osama Bin Laden to have so undercut Minneapolis' effort." <sup>27</sup>

In an interview in September 2005, Agent Rowley stated, "And what I did was, I think, I put the first good dent in the blanket defense that for 8 and a half, 9 months, was holding -- that 9/11 could not have been prevented.

"... we were all settling for, '9/11 could not have been prevented', it was 'hindsight'. Condi Rice, 'Well, no one could have ever imagined that someone would fly...' and of course, when she says that, she's disregarding a whole bunch of things. People are letting her get away with it. She's disregarding the fact of two or three prior incidents of people trying to fly planes into buildings, attempted takeovers of cockpits ... We're also ignoring the fact that in Minneapolis [FBI office], the acting supervisor, arguing with [FBI] headquarters said, 'This is a guy [Zacarias Moussaoui] that could fly a plane into the World Trade Center' on August 22nd!" <sup>28</sup>

Despite Agent Rowley's high-profile revelations and intimate knowledge of FBI headquarters' efforts to obstruct investigations of al-Qaida-related terrorist activities in the four weeks prior to 9/11, the 9/11 Commission never interviewed her. The 9/11 Commission's *"full and complete account of the circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks"* contains no mention of her allegations that FBI headquarters "continued to, almost inexplicably, throw up roadblocks and undermine" FBI field agent counterterrorism efforts. The 9/11 Commission Report only obliquely mentions Agent Rowley in a single footnote.



**Robert G. Wright, Jr.**

**Robert G. Wright, Jr.** – Special Agent, International Terrorism Unit, FBI. The only FBI agent to seize terrorist funds (over \$1.4 million) from U.S.-based Middle Eastern terrorists using federal civil forfeiture statutes, prior to 9/11. 17-year FBI veteran.

In May 2002, Agent Wright filed a lawsuit against the FBI seeking approval for publication of his 500-page manuscript, submitted 7 months earlier. The complaint stated, "The FBI's conscious failure to undertake criminal investigations of suspected terrorists in the United States was further shown when managers from the FBI's headquarters (FBIHQ) Counterterrorism Division met with the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in Chicago and admitted to SA Wright that no one at FBIHQ reviewed or attempted to link all the reports filed by the FBI field offices regarding terrorist activities in the United States. ...

"Regrettably, the largest obstacles to SA Wright's criminal investigation efforts of the HAMAS enterprise in the United States were the management of the Chicago field office and the FBIHQ Counterterrorism Division in Washington, D.C. ...

"SA Wright's successful investigation, codename Vulgar Betrayal, led to the June 9, 1998, seizure of \$1.4 million of funds destined for terrorist activities. ... The seized funds were directly

linked to Saudi businessman Yassin Kadi. On October 12, 2001, Yassin Kadi, aka Yassin al-Qadi, was designated by the U.S. Government as a financial supporter of Osama Bin Laden. According to a U.S. Government source, Kadi provided \$3 million to Bin Laden and his al-Qaida organization.”<sup>29</sup>

The government watchdog group Judicial Watch assisted Agent Wright in his lawsuit and in a September 2002 press release stated, “The FBI continues to illegally refuse the release of SA Wright’s 500 page manuscript, *Fatal Betrayals of the Intelligence Mission*, that SA Wright submitted for prepublication review in October 2001. In fact, the FBI refused to turn the manuscript over to Sen. Richard C. Shelby, Vice Chairman of the [U.S. Congress] Joint Intelligence Committee, charged with investigating the FBI’s intelligence failures.”<sup>30</sup>

Amazingly, Agent Wright was never called as a witness by the 9/11 Commission, nor is he mentioned in the 9/11 Commission’s “*full and complete account of the circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks*” nor the Commission’s separate 155-page [Monograph on Terrorist Financing](#):

- Despite Agent Wright’s highly visible and credible criticism of the FBI’s handling of investigations of suspected terrorists prior to 9/11,
- Despite the very public controversy caused by the refusal of the FBI to provide his 500-page manuscript to the U.S. Congress’ Joint Intelligence Committee Investigation of 9/11 (JICI),
- Despite the fact that he was the only FBI agent to seize terrorist funds (over \$1.4 million) from U.S.-based Middle Eastern terrorists using federal civil forfeiture statutes, prior to 9/11, and
- Despite the fact that one of the people directly connected to the \$1.4 million seized by Agent Wright was Yassin al-Qadi, aka Yassin Kadi, who on 10/12/01 was [designated by Presidential Executive Order 13224](#) as a “Specially Designated Global Terrorist” and financial supporter of Osama bin Laden and had his financial assets frozen in the United States.

Yassin al-Qadi is also not mentioned in the 9/11 Commission Report and is only mentioned obliquely in one footnote in the Commission’s 155-page [Monograph on Terrorist Financing](#).

ABC News reported in December 2002, “In a dramatic interview with ABCNEWS, FBI special agents and partners Robert Wright and John Vincent say they were called off criminal investigations of suspected terrorists tied to the deadly bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. U.S. officials say al Qaeda was responsible for the embassy attacks and the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

“September the 11th is a direct result of the incompetence of the FBI’s International Terrorism Unit. No doubt about that. Absolutely no doubt about that,” Wright said. “You can’t know the things I know and not go public.” ...

“The supervisor who was there from headquarters was right straight across from me and started yelling at me: ‘You will not open criminal investigations. I forbid any of you. You will not open criminal investigations against any of these intelligence subjects,’” Wright said.

Even though they were on a terrorism task force and said they had proof of criminal activity, Wright said he was told not to pursue the matter.”<sup>31</sup>



## **Federal Aviation Administration**

Three FAA counter-terrorism veterans were among the 25 military, intelligence services, and law enforcement veterans who signed the above-mentioned September 14, 2004, letter to Congress challenging the 9/11 Commission Report and requesting a new investigation into 9/11.



**Bogdan Dzakovic**

**Bogdan Dzakovic** – Witness before the 9/11 Commission. 14-year Counter-terrorism expert in the Security Division of the Federal Aviation Administration. Team leader of the FAA's Red (Terrorism) Team, which conducted undercover tests on airport security through simulated terrorist attacks. Former team leader in the Federal Air Marshal program. Former Coast Guard officer.

In the video documentary *Inside 9/11* broadcast in August 2005, Mr. Dzakovic stated, "What happened on Sept. 11, 2001, was not a failure in the system; it was a system that was deliberately designed to fail. And the 9/11 Commission failed in not documenting why that was allowed to happen." <sup>32</sup>

In the documentary *On Native Soil*, also broadcast in August 2005, Mr. Dzakovic stated, "The best I could say about it is they really botched the job by not really going into the real failures. ... At worst, I think the 9/11 Commission Report is treasonous." <sup>33</sup>



**Steve Elson**

**Steve Elson** – Former Special Agent with the U.S. Navy, DEA and FAA. Specialist in Counterterrorism, Intelligence, and Security. Twenty-two years military experience, primarily in Naval Special Warfare. Retired Navy SEAL. Nine years service with the FAA and DEA. Mr. Elson holds a Masters Degree in National Security Affairs/Naval Intelligence with a focus on terrorism.

Mr. Elson was interviewed for an article in Salon.com in August 2004, which reported, "A former Navy SEAL and Drug Enforcement Administration rep in South America, Elson is not a timid man. 'I'd give the commission a 'D' for investigating the FAA,' he declares. ... 'The commissioners knew a lot more than they included in the 9/11 report,' he says. 'They sold out.'" <sup>34</sup>



**Lt. Col. Brian F. Sullivan**

**Lt. Col. Brian F. Sullivan**, U.S. Army Military Police (ret) – Former Special Agent for the FAA's New England Region Security Division, where he was a Risk Program Management Specialist. A graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, with additional Bachelors degree in Liberal Arts/History from Northeastern University and a Masters Degree in Education from the former Boston State College.

## **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**



**Mark Conrad, JD**

**Mark Conrad, JD** – Retired Agent in Charge, Internal Affairs, U.S. Customs, responsible for the internal integrity and security for areas encompassing nine states and two foreign locations. Former Federal Sky Marshall. 27-year U.S. Customs career. Mr. Conrad was one of the 25 military, intelligence services, and law enforcement veterans who signed the above-mentioned September 14, 2004, letter to Congress challenging the 9/11 Commission Report and requesting a new investigation into 9/11.

**Raymond Ciccolilli** – Former U.S. Sky Marshal and Senior U.S. Customs Inspector, retired after 33 years.



**Raymond Ciccolilli**

In a statement of support for the Architects and Engineers petition for a new investigation of 9/11, he wrote, “I am ashamed that I spent so many years defending the borders only to now know that we are now living the most corrupt time in all of U.S. history. I had some questions in my mind about all the circumstances involved in 9/11 but it wasn't until I watched this DVD did all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place. I guess, I, too, was living in denial. No one wants to believe this, but having witnessed two jet plane crashes in the past, and watching the Trade Center buildings collapse, I know that the facts do not add up.

“After viewing several other documentaries on 9/11, I am now convinced these building were deliberately destroyed. Someone has to be held accountable.” <sup>35</sup>

## **Department of Defense and U.S. Military Intelligence Veterans**



**Gen. Albert Stubblebine**

**Major General Albert Stubblebine**, U.S. Army (ret), former Commanding General of U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), is a strong critic of the official account of 9/11. In the 2006 video documentary *One Nation Under Siege*, he said, “One of my experiences in the Army was being in charge of the Army’s Imagery Interpretation for Scientific and Technical Intelligence during the Cold War. I measured pieces of Soviet equipment from photographs. It was my job. I look at the hole in the Pentagon and I look at the size of an airplane that was supposed to have hit the Pentagon. And I said, ‘The plane does not fit in that hole’. So what did hit the Pentagon? What hit it? Where is it? What's going on?” <sup>36</sup>

During his 32-year Army career, Gen. Stubblebine also commanded the U.S. Army’s Electronic Research and Development Command and the U.S. Army’s Intelligence School and Center. Gen. Stubblebine is one of the inductees into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame. <sup>37</sup>



**Morton Gould**

**Morton Gould** (1921 – 2008) was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Warning under President Richard Nixon and continued in that capacity under Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. In World War II, he served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy. He was a co-founder of Sanders Associates, a large defense contractor.

In October 2004, three months after the release of the 9/11 Commission Report, Mr. Gould and over 100 prominent Americans signed a petition urging Congress to immediately reinvestigate 9/11. (See above, State Department: Edward Peck.)



**Senator Mike Gravel**

**Senator Mike Gravel** – Former U.S. Army officer, serving as the Adjutant in the Communications Intelligence Service in Germany and as a Special Agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps in France. Former U.S. Senator from Alaska, most well known for entering over 4,000 pages of the Pentagon Papers into the U.S. Senate record, thus making public the secret official study that revealed the lies and manipulations of successive U.S. administrations that misled the country into the Vietnam War.

Senator Gravel is a member of [Political Leaders for 9/11 Truth](#), an organization which states,

“Scholars and professionals with various kinds of expertise -- including architects, engineers, firefighters, intelligence officers, lawyers, medical professionals, military officers, philosophers, religious leaders, physical scientists, and pilots -- have spoken out about radical discrepancies between the official account of the 9/11 attacks and what they, as independent researchers, have learned.

“They have established beyond any reasonable doubt that the official account of 9/11 is false and that, therefore, the official ‘investigations’ have really been cover-up operations.

“Thus far, however, there has been no response from political leaders in Washington or, for that matter, in other capitals around the world. Our organization, Political Leaders for 9/11 Truth, has been formed to help bring about such a response.”<sup>38</sup>



**Wayne Madsen**

**Wayne Madsen** – Former U.S. Navy Intelligence officer, specialist in electronic surveillance and security. Formerly assigned to the National Security Agency and the State Department. Currently, investigative journalist, nationally distributed columnist, and author. Senior Fellow, Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a non-partisan privacy public advocacy group in Washington, DC.

In a November 2006 speech, he said, “After five years of talking to many individuals in the intelligence community, in the military,



foreign intelligence agencies, and a whole host of other people, people from the air traffic control community, the FAA, I came to the conclusion that after five years what we saw happen on that morning of September 11, 2001, was the result of a highly-compartmentalized covert operation to bring about a fascist coup in this country. ...

“These people need to be brought to justice, if not by our own Congress, then by an international tribunal in The Hague, in the Netherlands. Bush, Blair, Rumsfeld, Cheney should be sitting in the same dockets where Milosevic and the Croatia-Serbia war criminals sat.”<sup>39</sup>



**John Loftus**

**John Loftus** – Former U.S. Army Intelligence officer. Former Federal Prosecutor, Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Justice Department under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

In a September 2003 commentary in *The Guardian* by Michael Meacher, Member of the UK Parliament and former Minister of the Environment, titled *This War on Terrorism is Bogus*, Mr. Loftus was quoted, “The information provided by European intelligence services prior to 9/11 was so extensive that it is no longer possible for either the CIA or FBI to assert a defence of incompetence.”<sup>40</sup>

The 9/11 Commission Report states that only three of the alleged hijackers were known to U.S. intelligence agencies prior to 9/11: Nawaf al-Hazmi, Salem al-Hazmi, and Khalid al-Mihdar. There is no mention in the Report that the names and photographs of alleged hijacker Marwan al-Shehhi and alleged ring-leader

Mohamed Atta had been identified by the Department of Defense counter-terrorism program known as Able Danger more than a year prior to 9/11 and that they were known to be affiliates of al-Qaida. Able Danger also identified Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdar.



**Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer**

**Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer**, former Chief of the Army’s Controlled HUMINT (Human Intelligence) Program, overseeing Army Intelligence and Security Command’s global controlled HUMINT efforts. In testimony before the House Armed Services Committee in 2006, Lt. Col. Shaffer stated: “[B]asic law enforcement investigative techniques, with 21st Century data mining and analytical tools ... resulted in the establishment of a new form of intelligence collection – and the identification of Mohammed Atta and several other of the 9-11 terrorists as having links to Al Qaeda leadership a full year in advance of the attacks. ...

“After contact by two separate members of the ABLE DANGER team, ... the 9-11 [Commission] staff refused to perform any in-depth review or investigation of the issues that were identified to them. ... It was their job to do a thorough investigation of these claims -- to not simply dismiss them based on what many now believe was a ‘preconceived’ conclusion to the 9-11 story they wished to tell. ... I consider this a failure of the 9-11 staff -- a failure that the 9-11 Commissioners themselves were victimized by -- and continue to have perpetrated on them by the staff as is evidenced by their recent, groundless conclusion that ABLE DANGER’s findings were ‘urban legend.’”<sup>41</sup>



A 23-year military intelligence veteran, Lt. Col. Shaffer was recently awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in Afghanistan. In a 2005 interview on *Fox News*, he stated, “Why did this operation, which was created in ‘99 to target al-Qaida globally, offensively, why was that turned off in the spring of 2001, four months before we were attacked? I can’t answer that, either. I can tell you I was ordered out of the operation directly by a two-star general.”<sup>42</sup>



**Capt. Scott Phillpott**

**Capt. Scott J. Phillpott**, U.S. Navy – Former head of the Able Danger data mining program that targeted al-Qaida’s global structure and former Commanding Officer of the guided-missile cruiser USS *Leyte Gulf*. In August 2005, Capt. Phillpott stated in support of Lt. Col. Shaffer’s statement: “I will not discuss this outside of my chain of command. I have briefed the Department of the Army, the Special Operations Command and the office of (Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence) Dr. Cambone as well as the 9/11 Commission. My story has remained consistent. Atta was identified by Able Danger in January/February 2000.”<sup>43</sup> Capt. Phillpott is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, who during his 23 years of Navy service has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal.



**Maj. Scott Ritter**

**Maj. Scott Ritter** – Former U.S. Marine Corps Intelligence officer who also served as Chief Weapons Inspector for the United Nations Special Commission in Iraq 1991 - 1998. In 2005, he said: “I, like the others, are frustrated by the 9/11 Commission Report, by the lack of transparency on the part of the United States government, both in terms of the executive branch and the legislative branch when it comes to putting out on the table all facts known to the 9/11 case.”<sup>44</sup>

In January 2008, in reply to a question, Maj. Ritter stated, “You articulated the one argument that I support whole-heartedly, which is the absolute requirement to find out what happened; that the 9/11 Commission’s Report is inadequate to the task. And that until they answer all the questions, you will leave open, at least in the mind of certain individuals, the possibility of collusion, the possibility of conspiracy ...



**Capt. Eric H. May**

“We have an absolute requirement to know what happened on 9/11. And no stone should be left unturned. And the 9/11 Commission Report was not up to the task. And there must be a re-opening of the investigation, so that we the people of the United States know what occurred on that horrific day.”<sup>45</sup>

**Capt. Eric H. May** – Former U.S. Army Intelligence officer who also served as an inspector and interpreter for the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty team. Capt. May is one of more than 100 prominent Americans who signed the October 2004 petition urging Congress to immediately reinvestigate 9/11, which is mentioned above.

In 2005, Capt. May wrote:

“As a former Army officer, my tendency immediately after 9/11 was to rally ‘round the colors and defend the country against what I then thought was an insidious, malicious all-Arab entity called Al-Qaida.

“In fact, in April of 2002, I attempted to reactivate my then-retired commission to return to serve my country in its time of peril. ...

“Now I view the 9/11 event as Professor David Griffin, author of [\*The New Pearl Harbor\*](#), views it: as a matter that implies either

A) passive participation by the Bush White House through a deliberate stand-down of proper defense procedures that (if followed) would have led US air assets to a quick identification and confrontation of the passenger aircraft that impacted WTC 1 and WTC 2, or worse ...

B) active execution of a plot by rogue elements of government, starting with the White House itself, in creating a spectacle of destruction that would lead the United States into an invasion of the Middle East.”<sup>46</sup>



**Capt. Gregory Zeigler**

**Capt. Gregory M. Zeigler, PhD** – Former U.S. Army Intelligence officer. In a 2006 statement to this author Capt. Zeigler wrote, “I knew from September 18, 2001, that the official story about 9/11 was false. That was when I realized that the perpetrators had made a colossal blunder in collapsing the South Tower first, rather than the North Tower, which had been hit more directly and earlier.

“Other anomalies poured in rapidly: the hijackers’ names appearing in none of the published flight passenger lists, BBC reports of stolen identities of the alleged hijackers or the alleged hijackers being found alive, the obvious demolitions of WTC 1 and 2 and WTC 7, the lack of identifiable Boeing 757 wreckage at the Pentagon, the impossibility of ordinary cell phone (as opposed to Airfone) calls being made consistently from passenger aircraft at cruising altitude, etc., etc., etc.”<sup>47</sup>

**William G. Weaver, JD, PhD** – Former U.S. Army Signals Intelligence officer. Currently Director of Academic Programs, Institute for Policy and Economic Development, University of Texas, El Paso, specializing in executive branch secrecy policy, governmental abuse, and law and bureaucracy.

A September 2006 essay titled, *The 9/11 Commission: A Play on Nothing in Three Acts* co-authored by Dr. Weaver and Sibel Edmonds stated,

“The Commission was created and put in place due to the relentless pressure and outcry by the 9/11 family members and their public supporters who had three objectives in mind:

1) Getting all the facts; 2) Establishing Accountability for those who failed us due to their intentional or unintentional acts; 3) Provide recommendation for real fixes and meaningful remedies.

The Commission fulfilled none of those three objectives. In their responsibility to report all the facts: They either refused to interview all relevant experts and witnesses, or, they censored the reports provided to them by those with direct and first-hand information. Both these acts were selective and intentional. Contrary to their pledge to establish accountability: They refused to hold anyone accountable and lamely justified it by saying, "We don't want to point a finger at anyone." All those responsible individuals remained in their positions or were even promoted. And as far as meaningful remedies and reforms are concerned, the commission threw in senseless, and in some cases, detrimental cosmetic and bureaucratic "solutions" that ended up making our government even more cumbersome and unable to respond to threats to national security. In the name of solutions and reforms, they forced down our throats exactly what led to the failure to protect our nation on 9/11: A highly bureaucratic, complicated, inefficient mammoth of a malfunctioning machine.

On the Fifth anniversary of the September Eleven Terror Attacks, we, the National Security Whistleblowers, want to go on record one more time to reiterate the significant issues and cases that were duly reported to the 9/11 commission by those of us from the Intelligence, Aviation, and Law Enforcement communities, but ended up being censored and omitted. The failure to address such serious and relevant issues, witnesses, and information renders the report flawed and the commissioners parties to a fraud on the nation." <sup>48</sup>

**Commander Larry J. Tortorich**, U.S. Navy (ret) – 24-year Navy career in the fields of aviation and counterterrorism. Former Deputy Program Manager for Logistics – Tomahawk Cruise Missiles. Two years as a federal employee with DHS/TSA in the fields of security and counterterrorism. Commander Tortorich was one of the 25 military, intelligence services, and law enforcement veterans who signed the previously-mentioned September 14, 2004, letter to Congress challenging the 9/11 Commission Report and requesting a new investigation into 9/11.

**Theodore J. Pahle** – Former Senior Intelligence Officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency. His 37-year intelligence career was exclusively as a HUMINT (Human Intelligence) operations officer with DIA, Office of Naval Intelligence and U.S. Army Intelligence. He is a Middle East and Latin American operations specialist. Today, he continues to support the HUMINT effort as a contract instructor. Mr. Pahle was one of the 25 military, intelligence services, and law enforcement veterans who signed the previously-mentioned September 14, 2004, letter to Congress challenging the 9/11 Commission Report and requesting a new investigation into 9/11.

The statements of these 41 current and former U.S. Counter-terrorism and Intelligence Agency veterans demonstrate that the desire for a new thorough and independent investigation of 9/11 is not a matter of partisan politics, nor the demand of irresponsible, deranged, or disloyal Americans. It is instead a matter of the utmost importance for America's security and the future of the entire world.

Statements questioning the official account of 9/11 and calls for a new investigation by over 1,000 credible individuals can be found at the author's website: <http://PatriotsQuestion911.com>.

Additional information about prominent skeptics of the official account of 9/11 can be found in the author's other articles on this subject, listed below.

**Other Articles by Alan Miller about Credible Critics of the Official Account of 9/11**

**Jan. 14, 2008** - *Twenty-five U.S. Military Officers Challenge Official Account of 9/11 – Official Account of 9/11: “Impossible,” “A Bunch of Hogwash,” “Total B.S.,” “Ludicrous,” “A Well-Organized Cover-up,” “A White-Washed Farce”* featured statements by:

- General Albert Stubblebine, former commander of U.S. Army Intelligence
- Col. Ronald D. Ray, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
- Major John M. Newman, PhD, former Executive Assistant to the Director of the National Security Agency
- Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski, PhD, former staff member of the Director of the National Security Agency
- Lt. Col. Robert Bowman, PhD, Director of Advanced Space Programs Development under Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter
- And 20 other officers

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**Jan. 5, 2008** - *Eight U.S. State Department Veterans Challenge Official Account of 9/11 - Official Account of 9/11: “Flawed,” “Absurd,” “Totally Inadequate,” “a Cover-up”* featured statements by:

- Daniel Ellsberg, PhD, former U.S. State Department envoy to Viet Nam and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense
- Col. Ann Wright, former Deputy Chief of Mission of U.S. Embassies in Sierra Leone, Micronesia and Afghanistan. 16 years as U.S. Diplomat. 29-year U.S. Army career.
- Fred Burks, former simultaneous interpreter for President Bill Clinton and George W. Bush and others. 18-year State Department career
- Melvin Goodman, PhD, former Senior Analyst, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, State Department. Later served as Division Chief, CIA’s Office of Soviet Affairs and Professor of International Security, National War College
- Michael Springmann, retired career Foreign Service Officer. Former Consular Officer in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. 20-year career with the State Department and the International Foreign Trade Administration, Commerce Department
- George Kenney, former career Foreign Service Officer. Served as Yugoslav desk officer at the State Department headquarters.
- Michael Mennard, PhD, retired career Foreign Service Officer. Served as Regional Public Affairs Officer in India
- Edward Peck, former Deputy Coordinator, Covert Intelligence Programs, U.S. State Department. Later served as Deputy Director of the White House Task Force on Terrorism under President Ronald Reagan. Former U.S. Ambassador and Chief of Mission in Iraq

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**Dec. 13, 2007** - *Seven Senior Federal Engineers and Scientists Call for New 9/11 Investigation - Official Account of 9/11: “Impossible,” “A Bunch of Hogwash,” “Fatally Flawed”* featured statements by:

- Lt. Col. Robert Bowman, PhD, Director of Advanced Space Programs Development under Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. Former Head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering and Assistant Dean at the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology
- David Griscom, PhD, retired research physicist with 33 years at the Naval Research Laboratory
- Joel Hirschhorn, PhD, former Senior Staff Member, Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and former Director of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources for the National Governors Association



- Enver Masud, MS, PE, former Chief of the Strategic and Emergency Planning Branch, U.S. Department of Energy
- James Quintiere, PhD, former Chief of the Fire Science Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Dwain Deets, MS, former Director, Aerospace Projects at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center
- Edward S. Munyak, MS, PE, over 20 years experience as a Fire Protection Engineer for the U.S. Departments of Energy, Defense, and Veterans Affairs. Subject Matter Expert to the U.S. Department of Energy Fire Protection Engineering Functional Area Qualification Standard for Nuclear Facilities

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**Dec. 4, 2007** - *Eight Senior Republican Administration Appointees Challenge Official Account of 9/11* - "Not Possible," "a Whitewash," "False" featured statements by:

- Paul Craig Roberts, PhD, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under President Ronald Reagan
- Catherine Austin Fitts, former Assistant Secretary of Housing under President George H.W. Bush
- Morgan Reynolds, PhD, former Chief Economist of the U.S. Department of Labor under current President George W. Bush
- Col. Ronald D. Ray, U.S. Marine Corps (ret), who served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Ronald Reagan
- Mary Schiavo, JD, former Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Transportation under Presidents George H.W. Bush and William Clinton
- Barbara Honegger, Special Assistant to the Chief Domestic Policy Adviser to President Ronald Reagan. White House Policy Analyst. Project Director, Anti-Discrimination Federal Law Review, U.S. Department of Justice
- Edward Peck, Deputy Director of the White House Task Force on Terrorism under President Ronald Reagan. Former Deputy Coordinator, Covert Intelligence Programs at the U.S. State Department. Former U.S. Ambassador and Chief of Mission in Iraq
- Morton Goulder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Warning under Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter

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**Sept. 23, 2007** - *Seven CIA Veterans Challenge 9/11 Commission Report - Official Account of 9/11 a "Joke" and a "Cover-up"* featured statements by CIA veterans Raymond McGovern, William Christison, Melvin Goodman, Robert Baer, Robert David Steele, Lynne Larkin, and David MacMichael.

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**Sept. 5, 2007** - *U.S. Navy 'Top Gun' Pilot Questions 9/11* featured the statement of Commander Ralph Kolstad, U.S. Navy 'Top Gun' pilot.

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**Sept. 4, 2007** - *Former Congressional Office of Technology Assessment Senior Staff Member Calls for New Investigation of 9/11* featured the statement of Joel S. Hirschhorn, Ph.D., who served for 12 years as a Senior Staff Member of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and later as Director of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources for the National Governors Association.

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**Aug. 27, 2007** - *National Academy of Sciences Member Calls for New 9/11 Investigation - Official Explanation a "Fraud"* featured the statement of Lynn Margulis, Ph.D., world renowned scientist.

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**Aug. 21, 2007** - *Former Chief of NIST's Fire Science Division Calls for Independent Review of World Trade Center Investigation* featured the statement of James Quintiere, Ph.D., one of the world's leading fire science researchers.

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**July 16, 2007** - *Former California Seismic Safety Commissioner Endorses 9/11 Truth Movement* featured the statement of J. Marx Ayres, former member of the National Institute of Sciences Building Safety Council and former member of the California Seismic Safety Commission.

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